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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO BAUXITE DEVELOPMENTS - 1

1. THERE WERE NO EDITORIALS OR COLUMNS ON BAUXITED DURING THE WEEK, BUT THE PRESS CARRIED SEVERAL ARTICLES PRAISING THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS ACTION AGAINST THE COMPANIES

2. THE GLEANER BANNERED A PAGE ONE REPORT FROM GEORGETOWN CONTAINING "TOTAL SUPPORT" FROM GYANA'S MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES JUNE 16.

3. ON JUNE 18, THE NEWS QUOTED OUTGOING CARICOM SECRETARY GENERAL WILLIAM DEMAS AS FULLY SUPPORTING THE GOJ ACTION AND THE STAR CARRIED A LOCAL CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER PRAISING THE MOVE.

4. THE NEWS JUNE 19 REPRINTED A LETTER FROM THE AMERICAN WEST INDIES ASSOCIATION, CHICAGO, AND A CARL ROWAN COLUMN LAUDING THE GOJ. THE GLEANER TODAY HAS HALF COLUMN RESOLUTION BY THE CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES

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MEETING IN PORT AU PRINCE SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT TAKING

FULL CONTROL OF NATIONAL RESOURCES AND "SPECIFIC SUPPORT FOR THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT IN ITS DECISION TO IMPOSE THE PRODUCTION LEVY ON BAUXITE AND TAKE CONTROL OF LANDS NOW UNDER CONTROL OF THE COMPANIES."

5. JUNE 16 NEWS FEATURED A BANK OF JAMAICA SURVEY SHOWING A 1973 UPSURGE IN DEMAND FOR ALUMINUM , WITH UNITED STATES CONSUMPTION RISING EIGHTEEN PERCENT WHILE PRODUCTION INCREASED ONLY EIGHT PERCENT

6. OTHER STORIES, ORIGINATING IN THE US, TOLD OF KAISER, ALCOA AND REYNOLDS DECISIONS FOR ICSID ARBITRATION, AS WELL AS LENGTHY STATEMENT BY KAISER PRESIDENT MAIER WONDERING IF JAMAICA WAS NOT PRICING ITSELF OUT OF BAUXITE BUSINESS. GLEANRE JUNE 20 SAYS REVERE STUDYING \$160 MILLION EXPANSION IN ALABAMA AND JAMAICA AND JUNE 21 TELLS OF ANANCONDA DECISION TO PAY TAXES UNDER PROTEST

7. NEWS JUNE 20 SAYS FINANCE MINISTER COORE'S REACTION TO COMPANY APPEALS WAS THAT ICSID MUST DECIDE WHETHER IT CAN INTERVENE SINCE JAMAICA HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE PART OF THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES. GERARD

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